

Langley Friesians hit the heights and sell up to 6,000 guineas

John Carnell and his family put the entire milking portion and crop of down-calving heifers from their noted Langley herd on the market this week on the farm near Leighton Buzzard. Determined buyers from all parts of the UK bid keenly on the best lots with 28 going to Ireland, 28 to Scotland and 16 to Wales.

Feature of the day were the bulls which averaged £3465 and provided the top price of 6000 gns for Langley Vendetta, an 18 month old son of Langley Enterprise and out the Excellent 93 Breadwinner Vera 2 whose dam was bred in the Blackisle herd. He was purchased over the phone and travels to West Yorkshire to join Mr G France's herd near Liversedge.

The Ethel family were one of the most sought after bloodlines and Langley Sovereign Ethel 2 GP84 made 3500gns to Mr A.S Reid from Ballynahinch in N Ireland, who purchased 5 of the best animals including Langley Prince Blossom VG86, a fresh third calver for 3,000gns. Another Blossom bred from an EX93 bull breeding dam by Blackisle Benloyal made 3300gns to Mr J Drummond for his Craigtown herd at Kilmarnock and joins a load of 8 purchased for the herd.

Calved heifers peaked at 2,000 gns for a Marje out of a 100 tonne dam and served heifers sold up to 2,050gns to Bill O'Keefe for a Marlene bred from 3 generations of Excellent cows.

The sale illustrated the strong demand for pure British Friesian cattle but once again reflected buyers reluctance to pay much for unproductive animals in the medium term. With 19 animals making 2,000 guineas or more the sale produced a highly satisfactory result but as always there were bargains to be had if you were prepared to invest in lying off individuals.

AVERAGES:-

246	Cows & Calved Heifers	avg. £1,171.18
36	Served Heifers	avg. £1,056.71
<u>5</u>	<u>Bulls</u>	<u>avg. £3,465.00</u>
287	Head	avg. £1,196.78



TOP PRICES

LOT	NAME	BUYER	PRICE
247	L. Vendetta (Bull)	G.France (Hightown)	6,000
196	L. Sovereign Ethel 2 (GP-84)	A.S.Reid	3,500
168	L. Benloyal Blossom (VG-85)	J.Drummond (Craigtown)	3,300
186	L. Prince Blossom (VG-86)	A.S.Reid	3,000
246	L. Broker (Bull)	P.C & R.W.White	3,000
250	L. Maranette (Bull)	H.G. Ticknell Ltd	2,800
171	L. Matlock Ethel 6 (VG-88)	D.E.Burroughs (Oakalby)	2,700
249	L. Breacon (Bull)	W.H.Dixon & Son	2,700
191	L. Prince Ruth 2 (VG-87)	R.J.B.Lawson (Lismulligan)	2,600
74	L. Bullion Ethel 2 (Ex-94-3)	R.J.B.Lawson (Lismulligan)	2,400
303	L. Zeber Marje 2	S.S.McCann (Simlahill)	2,400
114	L. Berkley May 5 (Ex-91-2)	J.Drummond (Craigtown)	2,150
234	L. Matlock Baby (GP-84)	G.Dowdall – Eire	2,150
343	L. Explorer Marlene 3	Bill O’Keeffe (Churchclara) – Eire	2,050
54	L. Fern Marlene (Ex-94-3)	J.Drummond (Craigtown)	2,000
91	L. Explorer Win (VG-87)	J.Drummond (Craigtown)	2,000
240	L. Ebony Ethel 2 (GP-84)	D.E.Burroughs (Oakalby)	2,000
251	L. Mark (Bull)	J.W.G.Dalby & Sons (Ringswood)	2,000
279	L. Zeber Marje	A.S.Reid	2,000

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